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MEN'S SHIRTS—1910
Spring Styles, \$1.50
Values, On Sale To-Day

Sale of Men's New Spring Shirts to-day, and a sale men will be quick to take advantage of. The Men's Corner has offered any number of popular sales—and this is another event to please the strong sex.

Drop in on your way down to the office this morning and see these splendid values. A very large purchase on our part makes this sale possible for you.

New Shirts for spring 1910, made of excellent quality satin stripe madras, patterns in stripes of black and blue, also more extreme patterns in wide stripes of green, blue, lavender and colored figures.

New Snappily Styled Shirts, made coat front, cuffs attached. Shirts that many stores sell for \$1.50. Sale to-day. **\$1.15**

TO REVISE RULES FOR GAS WORKS

Council Committee on Light Recommends New Chapter in City Code.

Acting on the report of a subcommittee which has been working with the advice of Superintendent Knowles and Special Accountant George S. Cranshaw, the Council Committee on Light last night adopted a revised ordinance bringing the rules of the department down to date and eliminating many obsolete provisions. The action was taken as a preliminary to the issuance of the new City Code, on which City Attorney Pollard is working. The revised ordinance recommended to the Council, besides a number of changes in the interior workings of the department, provides that the city shall hereafter lay pipe connections from the street main to the interior of the house without cost to the property owner.

Under the present system the city lays the connection to the property line. The owner of any house desiring gas connection then employs a plumber to make the connection from that line to the meter. The result has proved most unsatisfactory. Two gangs of plumbers working on the same job have not only been expensive, but the careless manner in which pipe has been laid in many instances has led to obstructions, dents in the pipe, leaks and other defects, which have brought great complaint.

Superintendent Knowles stated that in a majority of instances of recent connections laid by private plumbers his men had to blow the pipe free from trash or otherwise remedy bad work before proper gas service could be secured. Mr. Knowles held that it would be cheaper for the city force to do the work at once.

Several members of the committee objected to the delay in putting up the new "Boulevard" lamps in many sections of the city. The city contracted and is paying for 1,000 lamps from January 1, but it is not believed that more than half of that number have yet been installed, while many of the new lamps have not yet been so adjusted as to give the character of light guaranteed or as given by the samples exhibited. Mr. Knowles was instructed to notify the contractors to hasten the work.

OFFICERS DISABLED

Belmont Struck Bar and Is Knocked Unconscious.

While riding down Hospital Street towards Seventh, in company with Officer Palmer, in search of a man charged with murder, Police Officer Belmont was severely injured late Thursday night by striking the gate at the railway crossing at that point. The officers stated that the gate was down, and that only a dim light, which they were unable to see, was burning. Officer Belmont saved himself by falling from his wheel. He picked up his wounded comrade and bore him to the City Hospital, where his wounds—a gash across the left eye and one on top of his head—were treated. Officer Belmont may be able to return to duty to-day.

Fire in Woodyard.

A still alarm of fire was turned in last night from Twenty-third and Churchill Avenue, where a blaze that started in a woodyard. It was said to have originated from the explosion of a gasoline stove. The damage was small and the fire was soon extinguished.

Suit Compromised.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday the case of William S. Edkins, who sued through his father, Hillard S. Edkins, against the American Locomotive Company, was compromised for \$250. The action was for \$2,000 claimed as damages received while working at the locomotive plant.



Keen-Eyed Hunters

Can bring down rare values now throughout the store. Prices ruthlessly scalped to make room for spring arrivals.

\$30.00 and \$35.00 Suits and Overcoats..... **\$22.75**
 \$25.00 and \$29.50 Suits and Overcoats..... **\$18.75**
 \$20.00 and \$22.50 Suits and Overcoats..... **\$13.75**

Our original prices, to begin with, are marked from 15 to 20 per cent. lower than any firm in the city selling like quality of merchandise.

Fancy Vests, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 values, now..... **\$1.95**
 Odd Trousers, \$5.00 and \$6.00 peg tops, now..... **\$2.95**
 Boys' Suits, \$4.50 and \$5.00 grades, now..... **\$2.95**

Jacobs & Levy.

LEGISLATURE TO HELP UNITE CITIES

Bill Which Makes Consolidation Certain Introduced From Both Sides of River.

ACT IN TIME FOR CENSUS

New Measure Amends Old Law and Removes All Serious Obstacles.

Delegates from Richmond and Manchester introduced in the House of Delegates yesterday, and asking immediate consideration, a measure amending the act of 1904 for the consolidation of cities, which is designed to facilitate the union of Richmond and Manchester. Patrons of the bill are Delegate Totten, of Manchester, and Messrs. Cox, Wingo, Harwood and Casey, of Richmond. Its most essential provision is a clause to reduce the time previous to an election in the smaller city from seven months to ten to thirty days.

The revised act provides that the consolidation or annexation shall not be voted on by the Council of either city unless made dependent on an election in the lesser city to be consolidated, and until notice shall be given once a day for five days in newspapers and copies posted in conspicuous places for ten days.

May Pass Over Rejection. It further provides, as amended, that if the ordinance for consolidation is passed by the City Council of one city and is rejected or so amended by the other as to be unacceptable to the first, or shall be vetoed by the Mayor of one city and adopted by the Council of the other, a special election may be called in the city rejecting the act, and if ratified by the voters it shall be as effective as if the Councils had agreed.

Notice must be served on both cities that within ten days the court will be moved to call an election, and the court shall order the election within from fifteen to thirty days. Notice of contest of the election must be filed within ten days thereafter. The machinery of such a contest, it is provided, is to be the same as in contesting local option or other special elections. The revised act concludes: "It is being desirable that cities be given opportunity to consolidate before taking the census of 1910, and the time being limited, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act shall take effect from its passage."

M'DONOUGH DISMISSED

Young Man Suspected of Robbing Hotel Guest Also Discharged.

Upon evidence of the fact that Boston Brown, a minor, had several times been put out of the saloon of J. J. McDonough, 410 North Sixth Street, at the time the negro was alleged to have purchased liquor at that place, the charge against Mr. McDonough was dismissed in Police Court yesterday morning. It was testified that on Christmas Eve, the day Brown was alleged to have had a drink, he was put out of the place three times and had been refused liquor. O. P. Burruss, who had been arrested on suspicion of having stolen a watch from J. T. Hurt, of Tazewell county, a guest at Murphy's Hotel, was dismissed in Police Court yesterday morning. Both the detective who made the arrest and the complainant asked that the case be dismissed.

Matt Byrd, colored, who was charged with throwing rocks at children, was fined \$20. He took an appeal.

PAYS DEATH PENALTY

Negro Electrocuter for Killing Man While on Possession Hunt.

Thurman Spinner, colored, of Bedford county, convicted of the murder of Charles Noel, on September 30, was electrocuted at the penitentiary yesterday morning. According to evidence on which Spinner was convicted, he along with several others was out possum hunting. He was alone at a ditch, and on the way back home Spinner struck him with an axe. He never regained consciousness. The negro was arrested soon after and had to be taken to Lynchburg to prevent lynching.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM FIRE.

Inmate of Burning House Has Hair Singed Before He Escapes.

Abbeville, N. C. January 14.—Fire at 7 o'clock yesterday morning damaged the residence at 22 Bearden Avenue, owned by George L. Hackett, and occupied by Mrs. G. M. Mathis, to the extent of \$200, and nearly cost the life of a boarder named Fuller, whose hair was badly singed before he could escape. The fire started from an unknown cause in a closet in which were stored wearing apparel, and burned through the wall and set fire to the bed in which Mr. Fuller was sleeping. He was found lying in bed, and was almost suffocated by getting out of the room. The fire department was obliged to turn on the water. The fire injured several rooms.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

Former Richmond Man Not Guilty of Killing of W. E. E. Becomes.

Norfolk, Va., January 14.—E. E. Hartsook, formerly of Richmond, was today, after two trials, acquitted of the killing of W. E. E. in Berkeley. Hartsook claimed that with a broken shoulder he was repeatedly attacked by Barnes after seeking innocently to avoid him, and he cut Barnes in self-defense. The State sought to show that even though Barnes pursued Hartsook he had the latter have a knife when Barnes only fought with his fist.

MEMBERS INDOORSE PLANT TO TRANSFER

Business Men's Club Will Move to Top Floor of American National Bank.

SECURE ENTIRE TOP FLOOR

Reports for Past Seven Months Show Gratifying Contributions.

Realizing the need of larger and better quarters to take care of its growing membership, the Business Men's Club yesterday afternoon adopted a resolution recommending to the Board of Directors that new quarters be secured in the American National Bank Building at an annual rental of \$4,000 for the first and second years and \$5,000 for the third fourth and fifth years, allowing the club to subrent so much of the space as might be desirable. An amendment was adopted that the board be empowered to secure an option at the same price or less, to go into effect at the end of the five years of the original lease.

Moses Thalhimer spoke in favor of the amendment, saying that the club should have some understanding with the bank, so as to guarantee a permanent location as soon as the club closed. There was some discussion as to having the kitchen on the roof. Mr. Thalhimer and others thought that the service might not be satisfactory unless the kitchen and dining room were on the same floor. Members of the club explained that this was being done in the case of other successful organizations, and the resolution was allowed to stand as it was first drawn.

Gains in Membership.

President N. E. Shreve presented a report showing a surplus of \$47,135 to the credit of the club, making a net gain during the seven months since June 1, 1909, of \$2,165.65, not including equipment, which cost \$3,467.56. In view of the fact that the club had paid all operating expenses and made a net gain of \$250 per month. The membership in June was 330, and at the present time is 355, showing an increase of 25 members. Seven months ago about 100 members were using the club daily, and now the daily attendance is more than 150, representing nearly every business in the city.

In view of the fact that the membership had reached a satisfactory working basis, the board, at a meeting held last night, unanimously voted that, beginning to-day, an initiation fee of \$25 should be charged all persons applying for resident membership.

Contract Expires July 1.

President Shills explained that the contract with the Bank of Richmond would expire July 1 and that the club was under contract to restore the floor to the original plans, which was estimated to cost about \$1,000. He said, however, that there was a possibility that a compromise for a less amount might be arranged with the bank. The rent for quarters this year is \$1,700, with the extra sum of \$165 for water and light. The club has assurances from the Bank of Richmond that in case it is necessary to occupy the present quarters for more than the contract time they can be obtained at the present rental.

The new quarters will be twice the size of those in the Bank of Richmond. It is estimated that the kitchen on the roof will increase the rent \$1,000 per year. The cost of the new quarters, with new furniture and equipment, will be from \$4,000 to \$5,000.

The club agreed to appoint a committee to appear before the City Council at the next meeting to urge the preservation of the John Marshall house.

EXPERT DISCUSSES MOON BLINDNESS

State Veterinary Association Adjourns After Re-Electing Officers.

At the seventeenth annual convention of the Virginia State Veterinary Medical Association, which met at Murphy's Hotel yesterday morning, the following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. S. C. Neff, Staunton; First Vice-President, Dr. J. G. Ferneyhough, Lynchburg; Second Vice-President, Dr. Charles McCulloch, Howardsville; Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. W. G. Chrisman, Raleigh, N. C.

The association adjourned last night to hold its next meeting in Norfolk, July 12 to 15. There were about thirty members present, among whom was Dr. T. M. Owen, of North Carolina, who is in charge of the government quarantine bureau, with headquarters at Raleigh; Dr. P. J. Fischer, Petersburg; Dr. H. K. Walters, Richmond; Dr. S. Mayo, Blacksburg, and Dr. E. Pycoz, Raleigh, N. C.

The business session opened with a paper by Dr. Charles McCulloch, of "Comparative Study of Ophthalmia," better known among breeders as moon blindness. Since the last meeting of the association Dr. McCulloch has made a study of the disease with special reference to preparing this paper, which was asked for at that time.

It was one of the most instructive read, treating the question from scientific and practical viewpoints and giving the best methods for its prevention and cure.

Milk Inspection Helpful.

Chief Health Officer E. C. Levy, of Richmond, spoke on "The Results of Two and a Half Years' Work in Milk Inspection in the City of Richmond." He showed what had been accomplished among the dairies in and around the city, especially in the way of obtaining pure milk and eradicating bovine tuberculosis. He called attention to the task of the association in studying the disease with special reference to making the State as free of the disease as the city of Richmond now is.

Dr. J. G. Ferneyhough, who followed him, took up practically the same questions in his discussion of "The Relation of the State to Tuberculosis," dwelling mainly on the tuberculosis test as a safeguard.

Dr. N. S. Mayo, of Blacksburg, spoke on "Veterinary and Live Stock in Cuba." He has recently come from the island, and has had wide experience in his profession there. President Neff spoke on "Influence of Influenza Antitoxin in the Treatment of Dogs," and Dr. W. G. Chrisman on "State Control of Tubercular Reading Animals." Reports of cases were made by Drs. Thomas Fraser, Travers Smith and Charles Epps, of this city; Dr. H. S. Willis, of Rapidan, and H. Bannister, of Roanoke.

Members of the association were entertained at lunch by Dr. W. Vaughan Lloyd, of this city.

PUBLISH VERDICT IN VAIDEN CASE

Sergeant in Second Coast Artillery Found Guilty on One Charge.

ACQUITTED ON ALL OTHERS

Fine of \$15 Imposed by General Court-Martial Which Heard Evidence.

General Order No. 30, concerning the trial of Sergeant S. L. Vaiden, of the Second Coast Artillery, who was recommended before a general court-martial in Norfolk, was distributed to the various military organizations yesterday. Vaiden was fined \$15 before a court consisting of Major B. W. Salmonsky, of the Fourth Infantry, President, and Captain Branch Johnson, of the First Battery. Judge advocate.

Vaiden was charged with drunkenness on duty, mutilation of public property and of conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline. He pleaded not guilty to all the charges, but was found guilty of the last.

Soon after his trial, Vaiden, through one of his officers, brought charges against Captain Matthews, of the Second Company Coast Artillery, accusing him of padding the muster roll in violation of the fourteenth article of war. This case is now in the hands of Acting Judge Advocate Shelton, who is expected to take some action soon.

TO NAME DEY'S SUCCESSOR.

Norfolk City Council Will Name Commissioner of Revenue.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Norfolk, Va., January 14.—Either Charles E. Francis, chief deputy in the office of the commissioner of the revenue, or E. J. Duran, at present chief clerk of the courts, under Clerk James V. Tabb, will succeed the late W. W. Dey, commissioner of revenue.

It is the understanding among the officials of the city that it is up to the City Council to name Dey's successor. Captain Dey was appointed to the office for a term of four years from 1906 by Judge Alan H. Hanel, but it is said that with this appointment his appointing powers cease, and that the Council must fill the vacancy. It is understood that the Council will be called in joint session early next week to pass on the matter.

No Quorum.

There was no quorum of the Council Committee on Water last night, on account of the absence from the city of several members and the sickness of others. Another effort will be made to have a meeting on Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Three Important Sales To-Day IN ONE

You have the choice of hundreds of our most select Men's Suits and Overcoats which sold up to \$28 at \$16.

IN THE OTHER

You have the choice of any Suit, Overcoat or Reefer in our Boys' department at 25% discount.

IN THE THIRD

You have the choice of our best styles of Hats, worth up to \$3.50, at \$1.65 each.

GANS-RADY COMPANY

TABOR ACQUITTED.

Quick Verdict by Jury Which Considered Bland Shooting Case.

Herbert T. Tabor, charged with shooting Harry Bland near the Union Stock Yards, October 15, was acquitted in the Henric county Circuit Court yesterday morning. The jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty" after it had been out of the room scarcely five minutes.

Tabor, his wife and Bland told the story of the shooting, and Drs. C. A. Bryce and B. W. Rawles were called as expert witnesses. The testimony of the physicians was that they believed Tabor was temporarily insane at the time he fired on Bland. Tabor himself testified that when he saw Bland on his premises he lost control of himself and would have gone through fire to shoot him.

Sues for Lost Goods.

The suit of Mrs. N. S. Joudy against the Norfolk and Southern Railway and certain connecting lines is on trial in the Law and Equity Court, and will probably be given to the jury to-day. Mrs. Joudy shipped several cases of goods from Newbern, N. C., to Huntington, W. Va., which were lost in transit.

Special Legislative Session.

At the First Baptist Church to-morrow morning, Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel will preach upon the subject, "If He Will Not Work Neither Shall He Eat," and will discuss a vital question which is to come before the Legislature. Members of that body are especially invited, and also persons interested in organized charity.

INSPECT COLORED THEATRES

Chief Health Officer Levy, Captain Epps and Butcher Inspector Heston Tour.

Chief Health Officer Levy, Captain George W. Epps, of the Second District, and Butcher Inspector Beck went on a tour of inspection among several of the negro theatres last night, beginning a tour which will cover every public house of the kind in the city.

The inspection was conducted to determine whether conditions for proper sanitation, means of exit in case of fire and stability of buildings prevail in accordance with those ordinances which cover public protection. A report on conditions will be formulated later, and such action as is found necessary will afterwards be taken.

Trip Is Postponed.

Because of threatening weather, the tour of the street car lines of the city planned by the Subcommittee on Streets, which has under consideration the petition of the Virginia Railway and Power Company for the right to rearrange its tracks, was postponed yesterday. The proposed tour will be made in the next few days, and will include both the present and proposed routes.

Sale of Old Stores.

Under sanction of the War Department, a lot of worn-out military stores were sold yesterday by order of the Adjutant-General, the sale taking place in the basement of the Library, and netting about \$500. Old clothing and shoes made up the greater portion of the lot.

Street Railway Franchises.

BULLETIN No. 2.—Financial Condition.

The financial interests controlling the street railways in this city acquired that control in December, 1902. At that time they advanced to the companies in the purchase of securities and for immediate corporate needs the sum of \$2,150,000, and within the year following invested in cash for improvement and extension of the properties and service and to meet the financial needs of the companies additional sums aggregating \$2,330,000, making a total investment of cash aggregating \$4,480,000.

In spite of these large cash investments the properties were forced into receivership in July, 1904, which continued for a period of five years. During this period the loss in interest alone on the above amounts aggregated approximately \$225,000 per annum, or \$1,125,000 for the period, while the unpaid interest on all bonds in default during the receivership amounted to approximately \$4,000,000.

In the foreclosure of the mortgages on the Richmond properties the open account indebtedness of the companies was wiped out; nothing was given for old stock, and the bonds were scaled so that no new bonds were given for \$1,000,000 Richmond Passenger and Power Company Debentures, with \$250,000 of accrued interest; and only \$2,737,350 of new bonds were given for \$7,821,000 of Virginia Passenger and Power Company bonds, with \$1,564,000 of accrued interest outstanding. The bonded debt on the entire system, including accrued interest, was scaled from a little more than \$19,000,000 to \$9,700,000, preferred and common stock being given for the remainder of the bonded indebtedness, and on one issue of underlying bonds for the interest which had accrued during the five years and was unpaid.

The reorganization, with the immense scaling of securities and actual loss to security-holders, was only accomplished after five years of court proceedings, which had wearied the holders of securities to a point that they were willing to take these losses, and had retarded the development and growth of the properties.

The city has the power to force those who have money in the property to lose their investment, but with results disastrous to the enterprise of the community and to the railway service.

What the city needs is improved and efficient service at a cost which will give a reasonable return upon the investment.

The immediate expenditure of \$600,000 is required, and has been authorized, for present improvements in the property and service. Other large expenditures will be necessary in the years to come. Money for this purpose must be secured in other communities, and will be invested in this community for the benefit of its people. Under liberal conditions the money can be obtained and the service improved and the community built up; under harsh conditions capital will be driven away, money cannot be secured to properly maintain and develop the system, and the community must suffer.

The interests of the company and the interests of the city in this matter are inseparable.

Virginia Railway and Power Company